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January 24, 1941.
Drainage.

House File 86.
By ALLEN.

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend section seven thousand six hundred eighty-six (7686), Code, 1939, relating to voting by agent in drainage districts.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 Section. Section seven thousand six hundred eighty-
2 six (7686), Code, 1939, is hereby amended by striking from
3 said section the first sentence thereof and by inserting
4 in lieu thereof the following sentence: “Any person or
5 corporation owning land or right of way within the district
6 and assessed for benefits may have his or its votes cast
7 by his or its agent or proxy authorized to cast such vote
8 by a power of attorney signed and acknowledged by such
9 person or corporation.”

EXPLANATION

Under the present law as provided in Section 7686, only non-residents of the county or corporations may vote by proxy. The purpose of this act is to permit resident landowners of the county, either temporarily absent from the district, or ill or unable or unwilling to vote, to vote by proxy. There is no good reason to place any restraint on the right of landowners assessed for benefits to vote by agent or proxy, whether said landowners are non-resident or resident, or whether said landowners are present or absent in the county at the time of the election. This is like a corporation and the voting rights should depend on property interests alone.

In this wholly business and somewhat technical matter, such landowner should have the right to place the power of casting his vote in the hands of a proxy or agent in whom he has confidence.